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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 7103

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, YO, VM

SUBJ: YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON SRV-ASEAN RELATIONS

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 6788 (NOTAL)

1. DURING HIS FAREWELL CALL ON ME JULY 13, YUGOSLAV AMBAS-  
SADOR COSIC SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN HAD  
RECENTLY CONFIRMED TO HIM THAT MALAYSIA IS READY TO ENGAGE  
IN A DIALOGUE WITH VIETNAM ON VIETNAM'S SOUTHEAST ASIA PEACE-  
ZONE PROPOSAL AND RELATED QUESTIONS. COSIC SAID THAT HE  
HAD THE IMPRESSION MALAYSIA QUESTIONED VIETNAM'S SINCERITY  
IN PUTTING FORWARD NEW PROPOSALS TO ASEAN AND THAT MALAYSIA  
WAS ALSO SUSPICIOUS OF THE SOVIET ROLE THEREIN, INCLUDING  
VIETNAM'S RECENT MOVE TO JOIN COMECON. NEVERTHELESS, IN  
COSIC'S VIEW, MALAYSIA FELT IT HAD TO AT LEAST EXPLORE WHAT  
VIETNAM HAD IN MIND.

2. WHEN I QUERIED COSIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A  
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DIALOGUE BETWEEN ASEAN AND COMECON, HE SAID HE HAD RAISED  
THIS QUESTION WITH BOTH THE MALAYSIANS AND THE NEW SOVIET  
AMBASSADOR, AND HAD GOTTEN VERY LITTLE REACTION FROM EITHER  
SOURCE.

3. DURING THE ABOVE DISCUSSION, COSIC OBSERVED THAT  
VIETNAM'S POLICIES AND ACTIONS HAVE TAKEN IT VERY CLOSE TO

THE SOVIET UNION. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT NO COMECON  
MEMBER OTHER THAN THE SOVIET UNION HAD BEEN AWARE OF VIETNAM'S  
INTENTION TO JOIN COMECON FORMALLY UNTIL THE MATTER WAS  
ACTUALLY RAISED IN THE RECENT COMECON MEETING.  
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